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For : DNA Encoding Orphan SNORF68 Receptor

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTN: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 27, 2002 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the February 27, 2002 Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this February 27, 2002 Notice is due April 27, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the specification:**

Please replace the following paragraphs on page 4, line 1 to line 17 with the following paragraphs attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

Please replace the current drawings (6 sheets) with the substitute

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drawings attached hereto as **Exhibit D** (6 sheets).

#### REMARKS

##### Declaration

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application indicates that the oath or declaration is unsigned. Applicant attaches hereto a copy of the Notice as **Exhibit A**. In response, applicant submits as **Exhibit B** hereto a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63, the Declaration refers to the application's above-identified serial number and filing date.

##### Drawings:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application also indicates that the drawings submitted to the Patent Office are not acceptable. In response, applicant submits a substitute of these drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. Applicant maintains that the drawing contains no new matter.

##### Replacement paragraphs:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application also indicates that application papers must be presented in a form having sufficient clarity and contrast between the paper and the writing thereon to permit the direct reproduction of readily legible copies in any number by use of photographic, electrostatic, photo-offset, and microfilming processes and electronic reproduction by use of digital imaging and optical character recognition and that page 4 is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52(a). In response,

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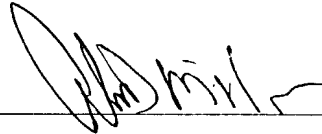
applicant submits replacement paragraphs for page 4, lines 1-17 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.52(a) attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. No changes were made in the text.

Applicant maintains that the amendment raises no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this amendment be entered.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone the number provided below.

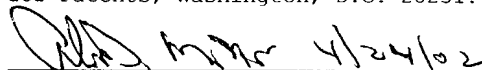
No fee, other than the enclosed \$65.00 fee for the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. \$1.16(1), is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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